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In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification, the paragraph beginning at line 24 of page 15 as follows:

More concretely, the correction table 12 is arranged as illustrated in the following equations (A) to (C):

$$\text{when } R < R_1, R_{\text{mot}} = R + (a-1) \times R_1 \quad (\text{A})$$

$$\text{when } R_1 \leq R \leq R_2, R_{\text{mot}} = a \times R \quad (\text{B})$$

$$\text{when } R_2 < R, R_{\text{mot}} = R + (a-1) \times R_2 \quad (\text{C})$$

where  $a$  is a value greater than 1,  $R_1$  is a lower limit value in a predetermined range of target value  $R$  including the neutral reference position where both the wires 4 and 5 become loose, and  $R_2$  is an upper limit value in the predetermined a range of target value  $R$  where both the wires 4 and 5 become loose. Fig. 2 illustrates characteristics of the correction table 12. An operation amount of the joystick 10 is defined as the target value  $R$  of the bend angle (position) of the distal bending section 2.